



## THE COMMISSION AND PROPOSITION 63

### WHO WE ARE

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission was created by voter-approved Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act, in 2004. The 16 member Commission represents different sectors of society, including law enforcement, labor, education, mental health, and individuals and family members with lived experience of mental illness.

### WHAT WE DO

The Commission is responsible for shaping and transforming the mental health care system in California. The Commission writes regulations, approves Innovation plans, monitors compliance, and provides oversight for counties to follow the intent of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The Commission also works to reduce stigma and discrimination of mental illness, particularly to unserved and underserved populations.

### PROPOSITION 63, THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA)

Prop 63 is funded through a one percent tax on California's millionaires. In 2015-2016, Prop 63 will bring in almost \$2 billion for mental health services, bringing the total generated since 2004 to approximately \$14 billion. It has helped fund more than 1500 public mental health programs.

### PROGRAM FUNDING

- About 80% of the fund goes to programs that treat individuals with serious mental illness, including Full Service Partnerships—wrap-around, whatever-it-takes services.
- About 20% of the fund goes to Prevention and Early Intervention—programs designed to bring about positive mental health outcomes either for individuals and families with or at risk of serious mental illness.
- Approximately 5% of the fund goes to Innovation programs—new, unique ways to engage and treat individuals with mental illness.

### WHAT MAKES PROP 63 UNIQUE

Prop 63 is more than a funding stream, it's a set of values:

- Recovery-focused and often peer-driven
- No decisions are made without significant input from stakeholders
- Program decisions are made at the local—not state—level